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Five Stake Missionary 'Crusade' Gets Underway

A five-stake "crusade" to obey Pres. David O. McKay's admonition, "Every member a missionary," is under way in the Oakland-Berkeley, Walnut Creek, San Leandro, Hayward, and Concord Stakes as a result of a recent meeting of the stake presidencies with that of the Northern California Mission. Every member more than 12 years old will be enlisted "for the duration."

Execution of the program will be in the hands of the seventies' quorums and presidencies with active aid from the mission. Lapel pins will be provided for all participants, men and women. Each wearer is pledged to TRY to bring in at least one new member to the Church during 1966. No member is asked to guarantee a new member, just his best efforts. The pin serves as a reminder.

Special efforts will be made to tap the missionary potential of boys and girls of Mutual age and among the older members as well. The program is designed to help them bring the Gospel to non-member friends.

Stake and field missionaries will work with those who wish to know more about the Church.

Prominent in the program is a series of one-hour Sunday afternoon discourses by a faculty that comprises Elders Thomas S. Ferguson, Grant Cluff, W. Glenn Harmon, Samuel Holmes, and Glade Burgeon whose pictures and biographical sketches appear elsewhere in this issue, as well as the schedule of meetings for this month. Schedules for later months will be published as available.

ASK THE GOLDEN QUESTIONS. You and your friends are invited to attend the discourses at the Oakland 3d Ward Chapel on Temple Hill.

S.F. Stake Sets Four 1966 Goals

By Samuel C. Chandler

Four goals for 1966 have been set San Francisco Stake from challenges issued to a recent stake quarterly conference by Elder Thorpe B. Isaacson of the First Presidency. They are: increased Sacrament meeting attendance, increased Home Teaching visits, increased conference attendance, and increased genealogical and Temple work.

Dr. W. Le Grande Nielsen of the stake high council is in charge of the drive to reach and hold a 50 per cent or more Sacrament meeting attendance. "To reach this goal," he said, "some wards will have to double their attendance." He outlined to the various ward bishops plans for reaching the goal set.

High councilmen George Aaron and Floyd E. Beattie of the stake Home Teaching committee, have set a goal of 70 per cent of families visited every month. "Our first step," Elder Aaron said, "is to organize so that every family in the stake is assigned. Our second is to train our Home Teachers to enjoy their calling and to be effective.

Elder Samuel C. Chandler of the stake high council and his publicity committee have been charged with increasing conference attendance to 1800. "To reach our goal we must be sure that one fourth of the members attend conference, surely a modest objective There is no reason why attendance shouldn't be higher." he said.

The fourth goal, to increase the genealogy and Temple work in the stake, will be in charge of high councilman Lester Fourness. "We hope to have every person in the Stake eligile for a recommend receive one. We hope to increase the number of people who are eligible and we intend to turn in a record of more endowments done than our quota," Elder Fourness said.

ENROLLMENT MAP . . . President Harvey L. Taylor, left, administrator of Church Schools, points out enrollment figures for Institutes throughout the country to John Whetten, Lee Smith, and Preside t Irven G. Derrick of San Francisco Stake. Whetten and Smith are presidents of Institute councils at the University of California, Berkeley, and the UC Medical Center in San Francisco. President Derrick is chairman of the Bay Region Board of Education.

Church Schools Head Addresses Institute Meet Here

"Be a great scholar, but a simple believer," was the challenge to a gathering of Zion's youth at Oakland by Harvey L. Taylor, administer of Church schools.

Occasion was the annual Institute Fall Festival of the Bay Area region, covering 14 northern California stakes from Monterey to Redwood and form the coast inland to Travis Air Force Base.

The day-long event in the Oakland Interstake Center drew more than 500 Institute students to a three-hour spiritual feast and successful banquet and dance afterward.

It was the largest single group ever served in the center's huge gymnasium.

Brother Taylor, former vice-president of Brigham Young University and now administrator of all Church schools excluding BYU) in the world, struck hard at the moral fibre of the country.

"You will probably have some teachers during your school life who will do everything they can to tear down your faith and belief in God," he warned.

"The greatest challenge of your life is to become a great scholar and still remain a simple believer . . . a man of faith." "From this great Intitute progam will, and are coming, the great leaders that this nation and world needs. You young people," he added, "are being tested, prepared, and proved for these roles every day. But your success hinges on your faith."

The festival, also attended by Brother Dale T. Tingey, assistant administrator of the Church Institute and Seminary program, was the most successful ever held in the region.

Besides the keynote address, it featured a two-hour testimony meeting, during whic hthe students decried the campus unrest and demonstrations across the country and the need to remain close to to the Gospel teachings.

Featured speaker after the banquet was President Irven G. Derrick, president of San Francisco Stake and San Francisco bureau chief of Associated Press.

A Pioneer Boy's Indian Adventure

"AMormon Boy's Indian Adventure," a new children's book, is now offered in the Bay Area.

Co-authors are Catherine Kenner Gardner and her husband Bryan B. Gardner. Catherine is daughter of Robert Lee and Kirma P. Kenner. Brother Kenner, former director of the LDS Institute at University of California, Berkeley, is now a member of the Oakland Temple presidency. She was graduated from the University of Arizona and taught four years in California, three years in London, England, and two years in Salt Lake City. She is mother of three daughters and serves as her ward Primary president.

Bryan was a pilot in the British Air force in World War II, an Oxford student and was chosen to be first Bishop Hyde Park ward in London, England. He has published two other books, "Jewels of Thought" and "Inspirational Readings." The latter book has gone into its fourth printing.

The new book is available from Mrs. I. B. Ball, 1612 Spruce Street, Berkeley, at the I. B. Ball bookstore; or from Deseret Book Company or Bookcraft, Salt Lake City

SCHEDULE OF TEMPLE HILL DISCOURSES

Sunday, Jan. 2, 5 p.m.—Thomas S. Ferguson: New Evidences from Old Lands that Christ is the God of the New as well as the Old World.

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2 p.m.—Bishop Grant Cluff: Salvation and Exaltation.

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m.—President W. Glenn Harmon: The Personality of God.

Sunday, Jan.23, 2 p.m.—Samuel Holmes: The Holy Priesthood—an Eternal Order.

Sunday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m.—Glade Burgon: Christ's Visit to Early Americans

TIME—note that starting time is 2 p.m. for all but the first discourse. Sessions will be limited to one hour. Special music will be included.

PLACE—Oakland 3d Ward Chapel on Temple Hill, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, just south of Warren Freeway and Redwood Road.

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Christmas Comes To LDS Family Nov. 25

Christmas came a month early to the Andrew D. Carson home in Mission Ward. Herb Caen's Column in the San Francisco Chronicle reported the event of the early Christmas tree, lights, gifts, and turkey to mark the eight days at home for Pfc. Andrew D. Carson Jr., between a long tour of duty in Germany and his departure for Viet Nam. The family celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas the same day.

But The Messenger of Northern California goes deeper .Our alert reporter, yclept Leonard W. Cryer, reported the Church "angle" of the story. Young Carson, a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood, enlisted in the army during his senior year in high school, while his brother Daniel was on a mission in South America. So his "Christmas" visit was the first time in nearly four years the brothers had met.

Carson Sr. is a seventy. There are three other children, one of whom, Chrystal, was graduated from nurse's training recently.

1966 Conference Dates Are Listed

A schedule of general conference dates, as approved by the First Presidency, has been announced.

The 136th annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be Wednesday, April 6; Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10.

The semi-annual general conference will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 and October 1 and 2.

General Priesthood meetings in connection with general conferences will be Saturday nights, April 9 and October1.

Auxiliary conferences are:

Relief Society, Sept. 28 and 29.

Sunday School, April 10 and Oct. 2.

Mutual Improvement Association, June 17, 18 and 19.

Primary, April 7 and 8.

"I doubt whether it is possible to dance most of the prevalent fad dances in a manner that will meet LDS standards," President David O. McKay replied to a recent query from a BYU student after a furor raised when the student government frowned on some of the dances last fall.

"We do not think the test of a proper dance is whether the dancers have evil intentions, but whether the dance is of such dignity and propriety that even to an onlooker, it suggests nothing but grace and style," Pres. McKay wrote.

DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

Oakland Genealogical Library

By Dennis L. Lauper

Word has reached us that the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City has moved its microfilm copying department into the cave in Little Cottonwood Canyon where the vast storage vaults are located. It was felt that the move will facilities the microfilm lending operation which has greatly expanded since its start. The Church now has more than 20 branch libraries located throughout the United States.

Coincident with the moving of the microfilming department, the Church Genealogical Society has purchased two new high speed copying machines which will double the capacity for supplying the branch libraries with copies of microfilms and books from the main genealogical library. These changes will be of more than passing interest to patrons of our library since they have been waiting six to eight weeks for films of the records they wished to research after they had made their selection. Now it should not take longer than two weeks for their order to arrive.

Genealogists are encouraged to avail themselves of the micro-film which may be rented from Salt Lake's big genealogical library at a cost of only 50c for two weeks. Reading machines and various other facilities and aids may be used without charge at the Interstake Center. During November microfilm reading machines were donated by both San Francisco and Palo Alto Stake high priests' quorums. Other stakes have promised to do their part in the near future. Also this month patrons used or rented 57 films from Salt Lake and paid $2.50 each to keep an additional 16 microfilms on indefinite loan.

The "Genealogical Roundup" held in November was rewarding for an increased number of participants interested in "The Midwest USA." The next Roundup was held December 18. It concentrated on "New England USA." Next month the specialization will be "Western USA."

There was a special Christmas party for the library staff and partners on Friday evening Dec. 17. There were entertainment and refreshments. The library closed after its regular hours Dec. 18, for the Christmas holidays to reopen January 4, 1966.

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Castro Valley 2d Ward

3 Ds Present '3R' Show For Building Fund

By Glenna M. Stephens

The BIG STORY at Castro Valley 2d Ward this month is the two-hour concert of RHYME, RHYTHM AND REASON by the 3 Ds at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at Interstake Center.

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KAREN BODILY, daughter of Brother and Sister Dan Bodily of Centerville Ward, was selected Sports Homecoming Queen at Washington High School in Fremont. She is active in Centerville Ward, has been cheer-leader for two years at Washington High, is active in Teen clubs, attends Seminary. She has a brother Brian on a mission in the Central Eastern Atlantic States Mission. A youngger brother Forrest, a freshman at Washington High and on the football team, also attends seminary.

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Alameda Ward

News and Views, Vi's and Lue's

By Lue Seaver & Violet Pinckney

Three Alameda boys won Life Scout certificates and merit badges, Gary Lane with nine, Mark Hunt seven and Gary Smith five. Second class awards were received by five boys, Bruce McConnehey, Clifford Baker, Craig Hunt, Allen Gooch and Jeff French. Assisting these boys to achieve these honors was Dean Hunt, Scoutmaster, and Brian Pope, assistant Scoutmaster.

Scott P. Robinson was sustained a priest.Robert Douglas Lehner was blessed by Bishop S. Veron Gardner Jansene Sessions baptized by her brother Melvin and confirmed by her uncle, Lucas G. Politis. Her mother Marilyn Sessions was sustained as choir director and Primary teacher.

A son Craig Keith was born to Jack and Pat Daniels, Nov. 20. He tipped the scales at 8 lbs. He is the brother of Denise 7, Diana 5 and Dana 2.

Several ward members recently have asisted in sealing sesions in the Temple, under direction of Evelyn Fink, with President Winter officiating. Your reporter (Vi) says it is a gratifying experience. Sisters Laurine Schow and Ethel Larsen have done 1000 names in initatory work.

John Doman is back in our midst, also David Laird, Lue Seavers, Kay Napoleon and Sharon Pelton, who have ben i.

Douglas Kent Pelton was sealed to his parents. Ken and Sharon Pelton, in the Oakland Temple Dec. 15.

The Widows' Christmas party sponsored by the Relief Society was attended by 16 widows plus other special guests. The Singing Mothers sang several holiday numbers under direction of June Radabaugh Tolman. They sang Christmas Carols for the ward Christmas turkey of dinner Ninety-eight persons attended.

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HAROLD QUINN STOKES Jr. son of Quinn and Ada Stokes of Hayward 3d Ward, has been called to the Eastern Atlantic States Mission. He was to have entered the mission home Jan. 10, but received a phone call from Salt Lake Friday, Nov. 26 and was asked to report Monday, Nov. 29. A month's work had to be squeezed into two days! A farewell Testimonial was held Sunday, Nov. 28. Harold's Uncle Jay Goodman of Bountiful, Utah, as well as other family members and friends took part in the program.

Harold has been active in stake and ward music and speech activities, has been Priesthood organist for seven years, and Sunday School organist for six years. His most recent assignment has been as a teacher in the Sunday School. He was drum major at Tennyson High School for three years and participated in honor and youth orchestras and music camps. He was a member of the Cal State orchestra and singers for a year.

He left Salt Lake Dec. 6 by train for mission headquarters in Betheseda, Maryland.

Elder JIM CUELLAR of Hayward Ward has been called to a mission in the Northern Far East Mission, heaquarters Tokyo. He will be honored Jan. 9 by a testimonial meeting at the ward chapel, before his departure for the mission home in Salt Lake City. Elder Cuellar has been attending Brigham Young University, but for the last semester has been at home working to save funds for his mission. He is a member of the Hayward Ward junior basketball team and an avid skiier. Jim is the fourteenth missionary from the ward in the field, and follows Dennis Stewart, Vic Simard, and Judy Shumate to Japan.

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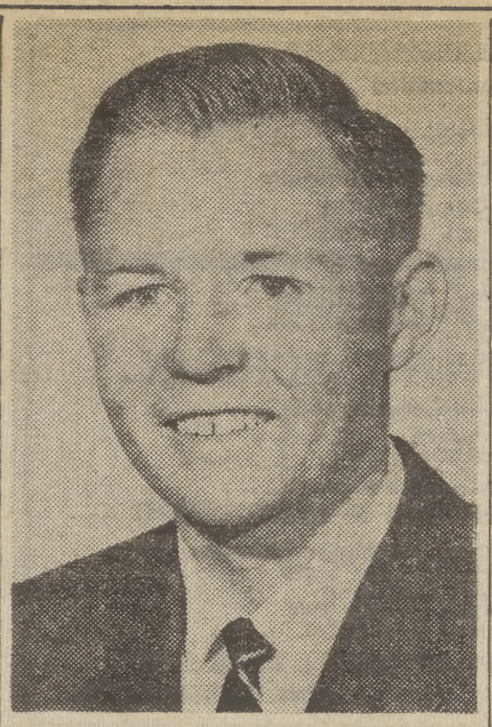

Elder DAVID RUSSELL NIELSON of Walnut Creek, employed by a steel company at Pittsburg, now laboring in the Great Lakes Mission after his farewell testimonial last August at his old home ward, Ephraim West Ward of South Sanpete Stake. He is the son of Glen E. and Eudora Neilson, a graduate of Manti High School and the University of Utah. His mission address is 4700 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, Ind. He recently wrote to The Messenger of Northern California from 1905 Covington, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Oakland 4 Girls Win 19 Awards

Girls of the Oakland Fourth Ward YWMIA were recognized for individual achievements in the girls' program of the Church, last month, at a dinner sponsored by the Bishropic and at a Sacrament Service.

Second year awards were given to: Lara Lincoln, Frances Roe, Janet Hansen, Shiela Spencer, Margaret Weir, Janae Wright, Cynthia Dingwall, Sarah Allman, Sharon Spencer, Karen Richardson.

Third year to: Catherine Craven, Joy Hansen, Marta Stein.

Fourth year: Laura Hawkins, Bonnie Bobet, Kathleen Soderberg.

Fifth year: Janet Tait.

Sixth year: Lene Verhaaren and Miriam Wright.

Leaders' awards included: Thuryle Clyde and Enid Bennett, one year; Diane Whiffen and Vicki Savage, three years; and Darlene Johnson, five years.

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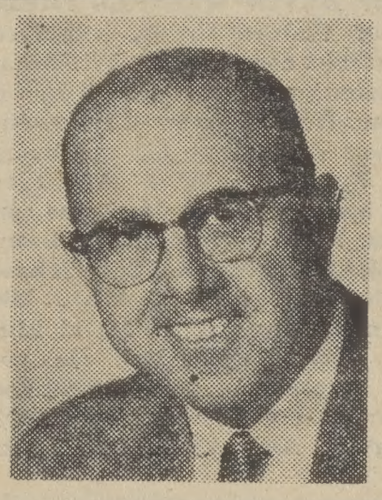

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Campus Activities Continue Through Chrismas Holiday

By Dorine S. Jesperson

University Ward activities seem to reach a crescendo in the first weeks of December as each auxilary and group plan functions before members leave for the holidays. Students from the area who return for the holidays keep things rolling while they are here enjoying their vacation and renewing friendships.

The Relief Society bazaar and ward dinner was a success. The whole Institute was decked out in Christmas decor and those attending bought gifts and goodies, had their shoes shined and ate in a festive mood. Special thanks go to Rosalie Pinkney as work director for coordinating the whole affair.

The M.I.A. enjoyed a Christmas devotional where they were moved to implant the "Christmas spirit" into their daily lives by the speaker, Dr. Marc Ricks. MIA'ers joined with stake M-Men and Gleaners to sing carols at the Children's Hospital in Oakland.

Apleasant fireside was enjoyed by the Young Marrieds where they heard some of President Eugene Hilton's thoughts on Christ and the Holy Land. Myron Towers and Evelina Girnus, just married, were welcomed to the group.

Bishop Jensen and his wife returned from their trip to the Orient and reported that they had seen several former members of the ward. MF WY FWY the week. They also brought Christmas greetings from Elder John Cosgriff with whom they talked on the phone while they were in Japan.

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Daly City Ward

Alan Rogers Is Named Counselor

By Ruth Chandler

Alan Rogers was sustained recently as 2d counselor in the Daly City Ward bishopric. Robert Bain is now 1st counselor. Stanley Quackenbush former 1st counselor and his family moved to Moraga

Brother Roberts was recently a member of the Spanish Branch presidency He filled a mission in South America He is employed at the Bank of America in the foreign service section His wife Kim is from Norway They have two children

Ward Conference

Daly City Ward conference was held Dec 11 and 12 Bishop Russell L Kern and counselors Robert Bain and Alan Rogers led in discussing the theme, the fourth section of the Doctrine and Covenants. Youth speakers chosen to represent young men and women in the ward included David Chandler, priest; Sandra Eschler, Laurel; Lorraine Sudduth from Seminary and Lloyd Chandler from the Aaronic Priesthood. During the conference presidents of the auxilaries and Priesthood groups as well as the Seminary teacher bore testimony of their love for the Gospel. Highlighting the conference were addresses from Stake President Irven G. Derrick and his counselor D. Forrest Greene.

Missionary News

Letters from Elder Dwight Scoville report that he has baptized twelve people. His first assignment was in the city of Warren, Michigan where he labored until six weeks ago when he was sent to Bellefontain, Ohio, to a branch of 115 members.

He writes that he enjoys seeing the Lord's work go forth. "At Fast meeting," he says, "it is wonderful to hear convert after convert stand to bear testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel."

Mondays, he reports, is rededication day—a day to write letters, go shopping, do the washing, ironing, and mending. "Six days the missionaries serve the Lard and on Monday they prepare themselves for the service they render on the other days."

Letters indicate that Dwight has caught a common missionary malady, incresed weight. He has gained twenty pounds. In each letter he asks his parents to express his good wishes to the Church members in Daly City Ward and San Francisco Stake.

Clayton Valley Ward

Membership Gain Is Almost 100 Per Cent

By Arvilla Poppe

Though comparatively new, Clayton Valley Ward has grown from 430 to nearly800 members. New families moving into the area and new babies account for most of the growth, with missionary work a strong third.

Speaking of babies, two boys have made their appearance recently, one at the home of Ernest and Gail Jewell Dec. 2 and one to Marion and Sharon Russon Dec. 5.

Sacrament meeting attendance went up from 43 to 47 per cent the bishopric reported.

Two families have left the ward. Chuck and Elaine Anderson moved to Salem, Ore. where Chuck is engaged in commercial art. They had lived in Concord for ten years. Brian and Bonnie DeHann have moved to Citrus Heights near Sacramento after short residence here.

Sister Ruby Hansen is new age group counselor in the YWMIA, replacing Una Blatter.

Leon Bowden is general secretary of the Aaronic Priesthood (youth).

Mark Russon, Cynthia Crosby, and Lynn Bell, all eight years old, were baptized into Church membership recently.

The Relief Society annual chocolate dipping was a success with 28 different centers, including creams caramels, and butter crunch made from scatch and covered with chocolate. Four hundred pounds were placed in 300 boxes, almost all of it to order ,and every bit was sold. Sixty-five ladies participated under leadership of Myrth Van Vliet, Joane Hopkins, Virginia Musser, Marilyn Beadleson, Ione Heaps, Darlene Thompson, and Nelda Paulsen.

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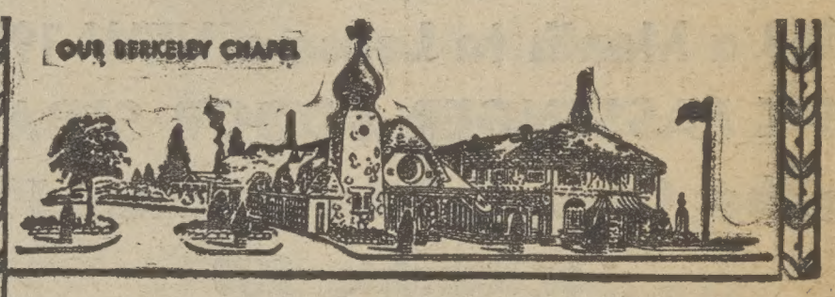

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Mission Ward

Activities For 1965 Reported

By Leonard W. Cryer

In 1965, Mission Ward had a total of 13 baptisms, 12 blessings, 13 marriages, including 3 Temple marriages, 10 priesthood ordinations, and 10 deaths, including 2 non-member husbands of ward members. Two elders were serving full-time missions, Elders Melvin Barber and James Lambson. One member, Miss Nebra Merrick, is serving as a stake missionary.

Two new members in the ward are active in the San Francisco Stake Y. W. M. I. A. presidency. They are Nancy A. Brown, 2d counselor, and LaDean Portill, secretary.

Janice E. Draper, daughter of Mission Ward clerk Newell and Emma Draper, was married Dec. 11 in San Francisco, to Edward V. O'Gaffney. She will continue to live in Mission Ward.

Harry Lee Hollingsworth, husband of Marie Hollingsworth, and father of Ernest and Gus Hollingsworth, died of cancer Dec. 1.

Elizabeth Ann Johnson, 8, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, was baptized Dec. 4 and confirmed 5.

Elder Leon Leavell became secretary of the 4th Quorum of Elders in November. President is Andrew J. Roesberry. Counselors are Eric R. Hubbard and Leo Yost.

New workers in the Primary are Deborah Calbillo and LaDonna Elders in November. President is M.I.A. drama director.

Robert M. Thomsen received his Primary certificate, and was welcomed into Boy Scout Troop, No. 107 Nov. 21. His father Kenneth is age group counselor. Walter, his oldest brother, is Scoutmaster. Brothers James and Donald are also active in Scouting. James is Y.M.M.I.A. secretary

The Carnival-Bazaar Nov. 19 was a social success and provided welcome funds for the Relief Society.

Hayward 2d Ward

Many Join In Christmas Fun

By Mel Venturi

Christmas month has been a busy and happy one. The annual Relief Society bazaar was a success. Many attended and purchased articles made by women of the ward. The home "bakery" had a plentiful supply of baked goods and candies, including hand dipped chocolates. Chicken dinner was served . Proceeds from the bazaar were more than expected.

The Mutual Marrieds Christmas dinner dance was a success. Food, decorations, entertainment were delightful. Theme of the party was "I'll Be Home For Christmas." The party was planned by LaVere and Karelyn Adams, Bill and Eloise Anderson, Walt and Betty McCain, Tom and Glenda Harris, Jay and Carolyn Skinner and Gary and Karma Blacker. Dinner prepared and served by Walt and Betty McCain, was complete with Cornish hens stuffed with wild rice and topped off with Christmas pudding. For intermission, our young people who won the competition in our stake road show presented their "The Peppermint Parlor." This is a hilarious, beautifully presented musical comedy.

Joe and Yvonne Supinger have a new son Adam. They now have three boys and one girl.

Sally Marshall has been in the hospital for a major operation, and is recovering.

At ward Christmas party Santa Claus had treats for all the Children.

Relief Society collected toys and clothing to make a happier Christmas for a needy family in the ward.

Martha and Norma Clifton have adopted a baby girl. Her name will be Judy Marie.

Eileen Coggin In Return Recital

By Frances S. Beniams

Eileen Coggin will play at the Interstake Center in the Feb. 6, —4 p.m. concert .

Mrs. Coggin toured the east last summer, playing several recitals at New York, Portland, Maine, Chicago, and the famous Washington Cathedral, Washington, D.C. Newspaper reviews were glowing. One was headed "Eileen Coggin shines at organ." A long column followed, filled with superlatives, which said: " A prime example of the emergence of fine women organists into the realm of concert music . . . her sweeping command of the long line of the Brahms was the highlight of the program . . .A return recital by this artist would be most welcome."

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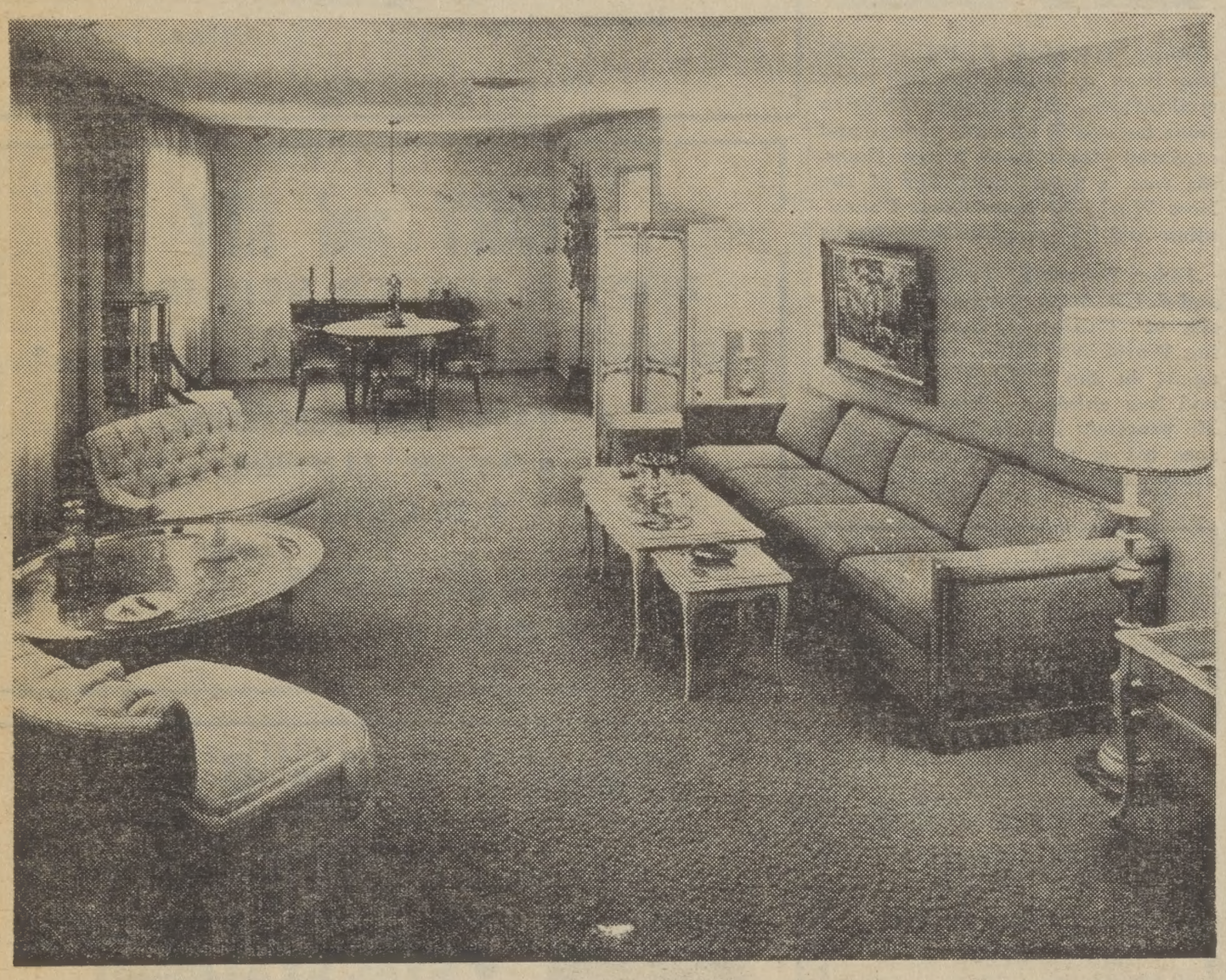

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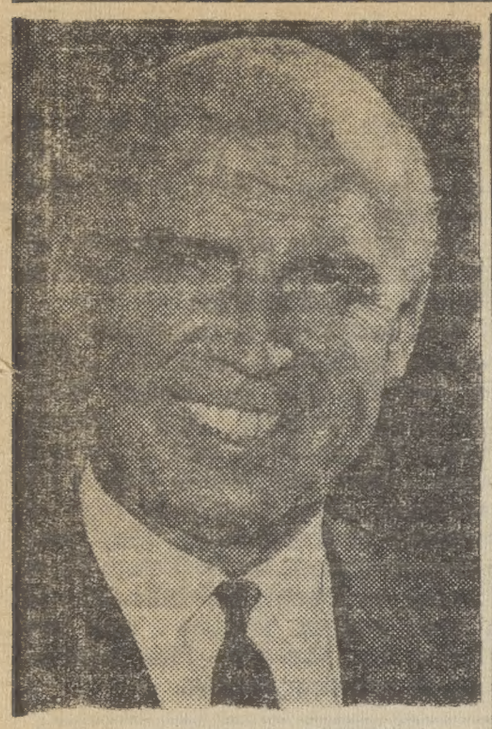

Elder ALBERT P. HEINER received his AB Degree at the University of Utah in 1936. He received the MBA degree from Harvard graduate school of business administration two years later. After service with the Western Pacific Railroad and Shell Oil Company he went to the Kaiser Steel Corp., where he has been vice president of public relations in the traffic department since 1954. He received the "Outstanding Traffic Manager of the Year" award for 1961 and "Special Achievement Award" from the University of Utah college of businesses.

Elder Heiner is a member of the high council of Oakland-Berkeley Stake and lives in Oakland.

Elder GLADE BURGON was born and raised at Midvale, Utah, near Salt Lake Sity, and received his MA degree from Brigham Young University. His thesis subject was an analysis of the Book of Mormon. He is finishing work on his doctorate in the book of Mormon and the Old Testament. He served as a special lecturer at BYU, taught Seminary for 8 years in Utah, and has been with the Church education departent 12 years. He has been a high councilman in Utah and California and is director of the LDS Institute of Religion at Berkeley after a similar assignment at Long Beach State College. He, his wife, and six children live in Berkeley.

Bishop GRANT C. CLUFF was born in 1919 and attended public school in Provo, Utah. He is a graduate of the American Technical Society School of Business Administration of 1938. He is in real estate development, specializing in motor hotels. He served as a missionary in the Western States Mission from 1939 to 1941, is a former president of the West New Mexico District and a former head of the mission radio and publicity committee at Denver, Colo. He is a member of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake high council and lives in Kensington.

President W. GLENN HARMON was a 1925 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley after attending Brigham Young University for a time. He practices law and has offices in San Francisco. He is a veteran of World War I, is a member of the American Legion and of the Commonwealth Club.

President Harmon has served the Church in many positions, including president of the Berkeley Stake and 1st counselor in the Northern California Mission presidency. He participated in acquisition of the land and development of Temple Hill as well as many other northern California Church buildings. He is a patriarch of Oakland-Berkeley Stake and lives in Berkeley.

Elder SAMUEL L. HOLMES was born in Salt Lake City and attended the public schools there. He received his BA degree in history from the University of Utah in 1938 and his L.L.B. in 1942.

During World War II he served as an anti-aircraft artillery officer. He is an attorney with offices in San Francisco.

Elder Holmes served the Church as a missionary in New England and is a former member of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake high council. He lives in Lafayette.

Elder THOMAS S. FERGUSON has been a student of the early civilizations of Middle America since he was 20 and has visited and explored those lands many times. He was a prime organizer of the New World Archaeological Foundation and has written three books

Elder Ferguson received his AB and L.L.B. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. During World War II he was a special agent in the FBI. He, his wife, and five children live in Orinda. He practices law in Oakland, pursues his avocation of archaeology avidly, and lectures widely. — —

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Oakland 3d Ward

Sunday Schools In Christmas Program

Combined talents of the Oakland 3d Ward Junior and Senior Sunday Schools were displayed in a special Christmas program Dec. 19 under direction of choir director Oscar McCarthy, with Judy Billeter at the organ and J. David Billeter as narrator. Featured soloist was Brian McCarthy, who will be leaving soon on a call from Uncle Sam. Bishop Eugene Hilton gave his special Christmas message to the ward.

The M.I.A. went caroling on Lake Merritt, Dec. 21, and returned to the ward afterwards for a chili supper. The same day a Christmas program and luncheon were held for the Relief Society. The ward party for the children was held Thursday, Dec. 16.

Brother Sheldon Keala extends his thanks to the ward for its support of the successful luau held by the Explorer Scouts.

Pittsburg Ward

Young People In 390 Baptisms For Dead

By Boots Barrus & Thora Astle

Youth of the Pittsburg Ward did 390 baptisms for the dead in the Oakland Temple recently Those who went were; Patricia Allen, Leslie Barrus, Pat Barrus, Tina Nuccellato, Joanne Campbell, Jennifer Chomer, Stephenie Chomer, Carla Dortzbach, Cheryl Madrazo, Joan Magleby, Sheila Morrison, Karen Morrison, and Brenda Hood. Sister Dawna Peters, Y.W.M.I.A. president & members of her board, Marion Sovereign, Boots Barrus, and Ceceila Mecham assisted the girls.

Boys were: Nelson Astle, Bill Campbell, Kim Cornelius, Fred Hollingshead, Claude Jensen, Gary Johnson, Steven Johnson, John Kersey, Thofas Krey, D. Rees Magleby, Stanford Magleby and Sammy Parsons.

Priesthood members who officiated were Bishop Cornelius, Charlie Peters, James Campbell, Dennis Mecham, Rendall Johnson, J., William Tiewater, Carl Lennon and Claude Jensen.

Cub Scout Pack 195 met Nov. 18. Awards were presented by Bill Thoma, committee chairman and assistant Cubmaster Clyde Rist. Awards presented were Wolf badge and gold arrow to Jeffrey Schmitz and Paul Rist; Wolf badge to Jason Burcio; Lion badge, Paul Steiner; Lion badge and Gold arrow to Paul Thomas.

Sisters Christian Schmitz, Bonnie Rist, Eula Steiner and Joan Thoma received mothers' pins. Den 2 presented a Thanksgiving skit. Achievements were on parade and refreshments were served to 25 guests who witnessed the proceedings.

The family of Marvin Graham recently moved to the Los Angeles area where Brother Graham is resuming his work with the H. K. Porter Co. Sister Sybil Graham has worked in the Primary as president and teacher for many years and all of the children have been active in Church affairs.

Elva Johnson was appointed recently Den Mother of Pack 195. SisterJohnsonhas worked diligently in this calling during the times her four boys participated in the program.

Oakland Ward

Gives Up Bishopric, Remains With Scouts

By Mary D. Westover

Because he felt that his demonstrated talents in working with youth were needed in the Scouting program, Rudy Coffing asked to be released as 1st counselor in the Oakland Ward bishopric and reinstated as Scoutmaster. His request was granted. Jay Simons was made 1st counselor in his place and Oren Yorgason, ward clerk for three bishops, was made 2d counselor. Joseph Markham is new ward clerk.

News from our missionaries is good. Dave Christensen will soon be through at the language facility in Provo and will be on his way to Brazil. Tom Hart has been moved from Guatemala to El Salvador, and Richard Brown from New South Wales to Queensland in Australia. Kent Redford, who is now in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, wrote two interesting bits of news. He and his companion are having regular classes in the penitentiary there, since these are largely political prisoners, or those who are social misfits, and these classes are being attended by all those who can possibly earn the privilege. Also the Book of Mormon is being used by the Honduran government as a source-book for the history of this part of the world. We think this is significant and encouraging. Lynn Pennock works part of the time in the mission headquarters and alternate periods in the mountainous part of Chile, where her work is a mixture of proselyting and uplifting the cultural and living standards of those who are reaching out for a better life.

Our junior basketball team is still going strong. We are proud of the showing these boys are making - not entirely on the court, either. Our Explorer Scouts are planning a trip to nothern Michigan and Canada for the summer, and are busy with plans for financing attendance of each member.

John and Thea Hughes recently moved to Walnut Creek. Both have been active and friendly.

Every Fast Day is an event because of the blessings of babies and confirmations of the newly baptised. Among the babies last month are Stephen Judd Stone, born to Pat and Bud soon after their return from Argentina, and Kyrie Merrill, daughter of the Keith Merrills and granddaughter of the Richard Johnsons. Recent baptisms include those of Scott Stephens, son of the Keith Stephens, Leslie Wulfert, Mitchell Staphan, and Paul Lehman.

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